

## Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - June 2023

Yamazaki Masaru Sensei, Hanshi 8 Dan, from Aichi Prefecture stayed in Hawaii for 2 nights, 3 days. Upon arrival, that evening he went to Kenshikan Kendo Club to be with Hawaii kenshis. Next night, at our dojo he gave all of us practices. It was valuable lesson for all attendees including me. He pointed out a mistake I was teaching without realizing myself.

Many gathered for Andy Fujimoto Sensei's funeral on May 11. We were so appreciative for those who flew over from Japan and Mainland as well as other Hawaiian Islands to pay their respect to Fujimoto Sensei. I did nothing but crying when I met his parents, Mr. And Mrs. Fujimoto. I felt that Andy was like one of my own sons. So, I felt so sorry for the Fujimoto's losing their son at such a young age. Do not die before your parents, please.

Hawaii Kendo Federation held Shinpan Seminar on Sunday, May 28. Tusha Buntin Sensei led the excellent and thorough seminar. I could tell that he had studied hard and learned from International Kendo Federation Seminar he attended in February in Los Angeles.

Leeward Oahu Kendo Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 25 at Mililani District Park Gym. This year the tournament is dedicated to the memory of Andy Fujimoto Sensei. It will start at 8:30AM and plan to end at 4PM. Our club has 7 participants including 2 pairs of Parent-Child Matches. It is always fun to watch Parent-Child Team matches. It is always very festive.

Hawaii Kendo Federation 1 Kyu and Dan examination is on Sunday, July 2. Those who plan to take the examination should tell your teacher and practice for your test subjects.

Besides many years of Wednesday practices, we added Monday night practice since April at our dojo. However, attendance has been very small so far. Please make a new routine to add Monday night. The main reason we added another night was to have chance to practice more in order to improve.

After receiving Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin May issue, one of my high school time friend's wives sent me Poet and Calligrapher Aida Mitsuo's saying, “育てたように子は育つ” ”Sodateta youni kowa sodatsu.” I interpret this, “As the way you raise your kids, kids grow up.” I was relieved because my kids raising was over. But, I think about my 2 boys as well as my nephew and niece who are raising kids. I hope that they raise kids as good, nice, responsible, compassionate and contributing citizens for societies. As for me, I was convinced that I have to be a good kendo teacher. Otherwise, my students will take up my bad habits and others will ask, “Who is their teacher?”

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